



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer
Interim Chief Probation Officer

At its meeting held March 22, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

“The 2004 Children’s ScoreCard produced by the Children’s Planning Council and presented to the Board on October 19, 2004, revealed current conditions of health and well-being for all children and youth throughout the region. Of particular interest to the County is the well being of children in the care of County government – children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. While several reports and analyses have been provided on the children in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services, few have illuminated the conditions of children and youth under the care of the Probation Department, and there is scarce documented information on the systemic factors that may be contributing to those conditions.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Requested the Children’s Planning Council to publish a report on various conditions affecting children under the care of the Probation Department, including trends over time, if known, for each of the following factors, and recommendations for systems improvement and data collection efforts:
 - Reasons children and youth enter the system;

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- Length of time in the system;
 - Recidivism rates and key factors contributing to those rates;
 - How resources are used for this population;
 - Engagement/communication efforts with parents or family members;
 - Educational achievement and consideration given to children and youth categorized as needing “special education”; and
 - Comparisons with other jurisdictions across the Nation on the number or rate of incarceration of young people; and
2. Requested the Children’s Planning Council to report back to the Board within 180 days; and
 3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to identify \$10,000 for the publication of the Children’s Planning Council’s report.

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Executive Director,
Children’s Planning Council